

WEATHER—For Kentucky  
Tuesday, colder

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Evansville Courier says the dry the Indiana House was passed today, Jan. 25.

evacuation of Mexico by Gen. Ing's troops is under way and will be out in a week.

Two interurban cars collided near Cleveland, O., Saturday evening and persons were killed and 18 injured.

gress approaches the end of the session with the Senate so far behind night sessions are necessary to finish the legislative program.

The Bingham-Cox-Schultz slate in son county seems to harmonize actions, as the slate is approved both the Courier-Journal and the

Washington dispatch says the in Europe has turned the hair of any American women gray, because it is no longer possible to get German dyes.

Miss Amy Longest, county superintendent of schools in Muhlenberg county, wants to succeed herself. She no doubt has an ambition to make her term of office just like her name.

Watson Bros. of Columbia, Tenn., have just sold 50 jacks to the British government for \$17,500. They have sold 70 others since the war began, making 120.

Col. Wm. J. Bryan will address the Tennessee Legislature at noon today and will be the honored guest at banquet to-night, at the Maxwell house.

The bill prohibiting the sale of liquor in the District of Columbia, which has passed the Senate by 23 majority, is said to be practically sure to pass the House.

The proposition made by a committee of diet experts to President Wilson to live on 25 cents a day and referred by him to Mrs. Wilson, has since been heard from.

Mrs. Ethel Byrne, the "birth control" advocate who went on a hunger strike in a New York prison, was fed forcibly after she had become weakened by five days of fasting.

The Democrats will take the wind of Senator Borah's resolution regarding the Monroe doctrine by voting to make it unanimous. The Monroe Doctrine is not held to be inconsistent.

The date for the 27th annual reunion of Confederate veterans in Washington D. C. has been fixed for June 5 to 7. It will be the first one held outside of the old Confederate states.

A Louisville woman after 36 years married life has sued her husband for divorce on the ground of incompatibility. She says his temper is bad she doesn't want to settle down to a life of misery with him.

The prohibition law in Tennessee is being made mule high, pig tight and bull strong. Four dry bills have already been made into laws, making it practically impossible to get a drink lawfully in Tennessee.

The Supreme Court of Arizona has decided that T. E. Campbell, Republican, is the de facto Governor of Arizona. The decision unseats Gov. Hunt, Democrat, who claimed re-election. Hunt has surrendered without further contest.

An exchange says the Virginia liquor law permits only married men to buy liquor. If the law can be amended to add the words "on a written order from the married man's wife," there will be mighty little drinking done.

Of 90 men indicted for selling their votes in Cincinnati 24 have pleaded guilty, saying they got \$1 for their votes in the presidential election. And yet Ohio, in spite of this sort of corruption, went Democratic by 10,000 or more.

MEN IN MIND IN  
HOPKINSVILLEProminent Factors in The  
Busy Life of the Pearl  
City.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH NO. 120.

They Call Him "Smikey"  
Because of the Smile  
On His Face.

ALEXANDER C. OVERSHINER.

Here we have somebody whose smiling features will be easily recognized. Indeed it is hardly necessary to put a name under the picture that ornaments this column.

In the year eighteen hundred and blank, in the city of Hopkinsville, a blue-eyed baby was born, a barefooted boy. He was born in the shadow of the Christian church and what could have been a more appropriate name than Alexander Campbell Overshiner. Perhaps his proud parents indulged the fond hope that little Alex, as he was affectionately called, would some day grow up to be a great preacher, but up to a late hour last night Alex was still outside of the ministry.

The story of this infant's marvelous career reads like a dime novel. He grew up on the streets of Hopkinsville just like Owsley Stanley, Hugh Martin and other little gutter-snipes of the same period, who have done almost as well as Alex.

By the time he had reached the age of fifteen years he knew all that he might, could or would learn in the public schools, and always on the lookout for something different, he secured his first job in the office of the late Penny Turner, who invested several hundred dollars of good money in a new fangled scheme to talk over a wire and promptly dropped all he had. He and Alex worked hard to introduce the innovation and just to encourage a worthy young man and an exceedingly bright boy, 25 or 30 people subscribed for the "telephones" as they were called. By going in debt some and doing his own work and letting Alex answer the calls for the fun he got out of listening, Penny ran almost a year before the fool thing busted on him.

One morning Alex found himself out of a job. There was a general protest against his running at large on the streets and his father conceived the idea of improving his naturally brilliant mind by letting it come in contact with the scholarly intellect of the late Maj. J. O. Ferrell, who was at that time making a specialty of taking almost any kind of a boy and taming him down until he would eat out of his mother's hand.

Under its favorable surroundings Alex's mind expanded rapidly and he learned so much that he resigned two or three days before the final examinations were held—this however being a mere coincidence—and was induced to accept a lucrative position under the United States government. As a clerk in the postoffice, he utilized his skill acquired in licking other boys by licking postage stamps by getting behind their backs. Holding a lucrative position it was natural that he should learn the value of lucre and be soon evolved a science for making money based on the philosophical system of making money and not spending it. The first year he made \$300. At the end of the year he found that he had saved \$312. The extra savings came from his financial system of making his early dollars, like

liver pills, work while he slept. Alex helped to run the government for 18 years. Administrations came and went, postmasters rose and fell, but still he held on, getting a raise every year, as the Postmaster General faced the constant fear that he might lose his services and be left in the lurch. There came a time when a measly little \$100 a month no longer interested the future plutocrat, and one day he told President Taft that he could take his postoffice and run it, the best he could without him. The opportunity of buying a drug store that happened to be on the bargain counter proved more alluring than totting other people's love letters around town and he hung his mail sack behind the postoffice door and went to buying soft drinks at so much a barrel and selling them at a nickel a taste. This proved so profitable that he soon formed a partnership and bought another drug store and here we find him at this good hour getting richer every year. Up to the present period Mr. Overshiner, as we shall hereafter call him, has been too busy to think of love, but now he is beginning to sit up and take notice when he sees a pretty girl go by. He got safely through another leap year, but there is no telling what may happen to him when the mating season arrives and matrimonial business begins to pick up.

And thus we find him well established in business, prosperous and happy—or as happy as an unmarried man can be. As one of the principal owners of the Anderson-Fowler Drug Company, on the corner of Ninth and Main streets, he is a busy man on a busy corner. Ably assisted by his partner in his first venture, R. E. Coates, and a corps of capable salesmen, his house is one of Hopkinsville's greatest commercial successes. Drop in and see for yourself. The (once) young gentleman with a round jovial face, laughing eyes and a dome only partially thatched will at once attract your attention. That's "Smikey." Have one on him.

NEW PATIENTS  
AT HOSPITALSeveral Operations Since the  
Last Report—All Doing Well.

Several new patients have been admitted to the Jennie Stuart Hospital. Mrs. Othello Putman, of Morton's Gap, was operated upon Jan. 24th and is doing nicely.

Mrs. L. B. Wagoner, mother of Mrs. S. L. Cowherd, whose home is in Munfordsville, is doing well following a slight operation.

Fenton Cayce, son of Mr. Roy Cayce, of near Beverly, underwent an operation for appendicitis Sunday night and his condition is very satisfactory.

Philip Yonge, operated upon for appendicitis, is up and ready to leave. Bert Eckert, of the county, will also leave in a few days.

Mrs. Luther Johnson, operated upon yesterday is in a satisfactory condition.

John Lacy, of Infayette, who was operated upon two weeks ago has left the institution and gone to the home of his sister, Mrs. E. N. Roper.

Miss Mary Lou McGill, a daughter of the proprietor of the Hill House, operated upon Jan. 26th, is slowly recuperating from a very critical condition.

## TAKING CITY LISTS.

City Assessor Ed J. Schmidt and his deputies are now busy listing the property for city taxation. Mr. Schmidt is a capable and experienced man, having filled the office of assessor under former administrations.

## Weather for Week.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Weather predictions for the week, issued by the Weather Bureau: Ohio Valley—Rain, followed by much colder and generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday. Unsettled and warmer with snow Thursday or Friday.

Many soldiers in both armies on the eastern front are dying from rigors of winter, with snow several feet deep in some places and zero weather.

RUSSIANS WIN  
ON BYSTRITZABerlin Admits Withdrawal on  
The Bukovina-Rumanian Front.

PIERCE LINES FOR 2 MILES

Four More German Airplanes  
Are Destroyed in  
France.

On the Bukovina-Rumanian front between the towns of Jacopeni and Kimbolung, the Russians have delivered a vicious attack which resulted in the piercing of the line of the Teutonic allies over a front of nearly two miles. Numerous prisoners and a considerable amount of booty fell into the hands of the Russians. Berlin admits the withdrawal of the Teutonic forces along the Golden Bystritza river in this region, saying that it was necessitated in the face of superior Russian forces.

Between Les Eparges and the Calonne trench, north of Verdun, the French have carried out a successful attack against the Germans, taking elements of trenches from the troops of the German crown prince.

North of the river Somme near Le Transloy, the British in attacks have captured trenches from the Germans and carried out successful raids near Neuville St. Naast and northeast of Festubert.

Considerable aerial activity has again taken place on the Western front, London reporting the destruction of four German aeroplanes and the driving down of another.

In northwest Russia, on the Riga sector, considerable fighting continues. Here both Berlin and Petrograd record the repulse of attacks.

Artillery activity prevails in the Austro-Italian theatre and duels with the big guns and operations by small raiding parties are in progress on the front in Macedonia.

In Mesopotamia the British and Ottoman troops continue their fighting for the possession of Kut-el-Amara. The London war office reports the recapture by the British of trenches which the Turks took from them recently near Kut-el-Amara.

RURAL SCHOOLS  
CONFERENCEImportant Gathering in Bowling  
Green For Next  
Month.

There is nothing that could happen this year of such importance to the agricultural community of Western Kentucky, as the "Rural Life and Rural School Conference" which has been arranged by Dr. H. H. Cherry, President of the Western Kentucky State Normal School for the week, February 19th to 23rd, at Bowling Green.

There will not be a single day, but what will be brimful of intense interest to the farmers of this section. There are on the five days program some of the greatest men in the United States in agricultural work. It has taken many months of hard work to bring such a powerful program together for this Conference.

Hundreds of people from every section of Kentucky are already making their arrangements to attend the Conference. The railroads have granted reduced rates from all points. Tickets will be sold on 18th and 19th of February and good until the 26th for returning.

Among those on the program are: Peter Greely Holden, head of the Extension Work of the International Harvester Company, of Chicago; Hon. John H. Peyton, President of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway Co.; Dr. Cyril G. Hopkins, the noted author and soil expert of the University of Illinois; W. B. Nich-

ols, expert on Practical Dairy Work, University of Kentucky; Prof. Tom Bryant, Extension Department, State University; F. C. Button, State Rural School Expert and Inspector; Hon. Mat S. Cohen, State Commissioner of Agriculture; Dr. P. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education; Hon. Edward J. Tobin, the noted County Superintendent, Cook county, Illinois; Hon. M. O. Hughes, Extension Agent of Western Kentucky; Hon. Rodman Wiley, State Commission Public Roads; Dr. Warren D. Wilson, Superintendent of Church Work, Presbyterian church, U. S. A.; Prof. E. S. Goode, University of Kentucky; D. D. Slade, Poultry Extension Specialist, University of Kentucky, and Dr. Fred Mutchler, head of Extension Work, University of Kentucky.

The Boarding Committee has arranged for those who desire to attend the Conference, an unlimited amount of board, in excellent private families at the rate of \$10.00 per day. In addition to this, accommodations can be had at hotels at rates that are reasonable. Begin now to make your arrangements to be present. We want you to come, for you will enjoy every minute of your time while here, and besides will be greatly benefited by the unusually rich program that has been offered. The Committee will meet you at the train and take pleasure in assisting you in making boarding arrangements.

The Conference opens Monday evening, February 19th at 7:30 o'clock, and closes Friday evening, February 23rd. The full printed program is contained in the February number of "Normal Heights" and will be sent to you upon a request by postal or letter addressed to Publicity Department, Rural Life and Rural School Conference, Chamber of Commerce, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

L. & N. MUST  
PAY BIG SUMLiable For Franchise Tax on  
Ten Million for Four  
Years.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 29.—The Louisville & Nashville was adjudged liable for franchise taxes on ten million dollars for the years 1907 to 1911 by Judge Stout in the Franklin Circuit Court, to which the railroad appealed from the County Court.

The State tax would amount to a quarter of a million dollars, and the counties through which the road passes could collect local taxes. Interest and penalties will greatly augment the amount if the Court of Appeals affirms the judgment.

Judge Stout has before him the case against the Chesapeake & Ohio for the same years involving State taxes of \$225,000. The suits are to assess the franchise as omitted property.

DESTROYED A  
WHOLE VILLAGECasualties by Earthquakes on  
Island of Bali Nearly  
Six-hundred.

London, Jan. 29.—A dispatch to Reuters from Batavia gives further details of the earthquake on the island of Bali. It says that great landslides destroyed a whole village with the exception of fourteen houses. Three hundred persons were killed in the earthquake and the total casualties were nearly 600.

## ON FEBRUARY 1.

The February meeting of the Athenaeum will be held Thursday night with Dr. T. W. Perkins and John Sites on the program.

## NEXT ATTRACTION.

Everett Kemp will be the next attraction of the Redpath Lyceum at the Tabernacle, next Monday night, Feb. 5th.

ATTEMPT TO  
WRECK TRAINOn Which The King of  
Spain Was a Passenger.

OBSTACLES ON TRACK

Discovered In Time and No  
Harm Was Done To  
Occupants.

Madrid, Jan. 29.—An attempt was made Sunday to wreck a train on which King Alfonso was a passenger. The royal train was preceded by a freight train, the engineer of which saw an obstacle on the track and removed it. Neither the royal train nor the freight suffered any damage.

The spot chosen for the derailment of the royal train, near Granada, Andalusia, was a particularly favorable one, as the road here begins to run downgrade. The police have arrested two men, on one of whom was found code letters from Barcelona.

MRS. CRENSHAW  
PASSES AWAYWas a Victim of Pneumonia  
Sunday Night, Aged  
About 75 Years.

Mrs. Emma Crenshaw, widow of Al Crenshaw, died Sunday night at the home of her son, Al Crenshaw, Jr., near Herndon. Death was caused by pneumonia. She was about 75 years old and is survived by several children. Mrs. Crenshaw was a universally loved Christian lady and had been a member of the Christian church for a number of years. The interment took place in the family burying ground, near Roaring Spring, yesterday.

MRS. TINSLEY'S  
WILL PROBATEDAll of Estate Bequeathed to  
Her Husband, Esq. T.  
C. Tinsley.

The will of the late Mrs. Maria E. Tinsley was probated Saturday. She bequeathed all of her property, both real and personal, to her husband, Thomas C. Tinsley, and he was named as executor without bond. The instrument was made Feb. 12, 1901, and witnessed by D. F. McCord and Eugenia McCord.

KENTUCKIAN  
HONOREDClayville Man is Given a  
Bronze Hero Medal by  
The Commission.

Pittsburg, Jan. 24.—James S. Ashcraft, of Clayville, Ky., was yesterday awarded a bronze medal by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission for his heroic rescue of three children from a runaway at Crittenden, Ky., August 7, 1913.

Earl F. Munnell, deceased, died attempting to save Arthur Walber from drowning at Spring Lake, Ky., July 4, 1916. Medal to widow, 1921 Calhoun avenue, Cincinnati, with pension.

## H. H. S. WON FROM ADAMS.

The Hopkinsville High School basketball team defeated the Athens, Tenn., High School team here Friday night in a hard fought game. The score was 35 to 13.